



## SRO945 Levelling Over Internal Epoxy Floor Coatings

### SCOPE

This recommendation is regarding the application of thin layer **ARDEX** levelling cements over existing epoxy floor coatings prior to the installation of other floor finishes such as resilient floor coverings (e.g. vinyl or linoleum).

*Note: this recommendation does not apply to polyurethane or synthetic rubberised floor coatings as noted in **ARDEX** Technical Bulletin TB108.*

### PREPARATION

The success of the installation relies on the existing epoxy coating being suitable and compatible for the application of levelling cements as well as the epoxy coating being clean and well bonded to the substrate. Due to the variety of epoxy formulations, a test area is recommended to confirm the system will adhere and perform as intended.

- All damaged, loose and/or drummy sections of the coating must be removed by mechanical methods. In some instances, this may result in the complete removal of the epoxy coating.
- Remove all grease, oils, polishes and other contaminants using a film-less detergent /degreaser with an automatic scrubbing machine. Flush residues away with copious amounts of water and let dry completely. *Do not use solvents to clean the epoxy.*
- Mechanically roughen the epoxy surface by sanding with 24 -40 Carborundum paper to achieve a surface profile equivalent to CSP1 (Concrete Surface Profile 1), vacuum to remove dust,

### PRIMING

Prime the prepared epoxy surface with [ARDEX P 82 primer](#) applied in a thin film with all puddles and excess primer removed. Allow to dry (min.3 hours – max. 24 hours) prior to application of the ARDEX levelling cement.

### LEVELLING

The following ARDEX Levelling cements may be applied over the primed epoxy;

ARDEX Leveller	ARDEX E25 required	Water required	Approximate Dry time	Thickness*
<b>K55</b> 20 kg bag	Nil	5.25 litres	2 hours	Any thickness
<b>K15</b> 20kg bag	1.6 litres	4 litres	16 -18 hours	Any thickness
<b>K12N</b> 20kg bag	1.6 litres	4 litres	48 hours	2 -25mm



[ARDEX K 55](#) & [ARDEX K 15](#) can be applied at any thickness although for thicknesses greater than 10mm, the [ARDEX 2-5mm aggregate](#) should be added.

The recommended thickness of the **ARDEX** Levelling Cement is 3-5mm as this is sufficient for the leveller to achieve the required self-levelling flow properties.

**Note: Always install a test area to determine the suitability of the system for the intended use prior to commencing with the installation over the entire floor.**

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